

Accord Extension

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## **M e m o r a n d u m**

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To: CALFED Policy Group

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Subject: Bay-Delta Accord Extension

### **Summary**

The issue regarding the Bay-Delta Accord extension was discussed at the July Policy Group meeting. At that meeting, the Policy group concurred in the proposal to extend the Accord for a 9 - 12 month time frame and directed CALFED staff and agencies to initiate appropriate contacts within the stakeholder community to develop some consensus for this approach.

There are three issues relating to an extension of the Accord that still need to be resolved in order to proceed with the extension:

- What is the exact time frame for an extension? A range of 9 - 12 months for an extension has been recommended but a definitive length of time needs to be agreed to.
- What is the scope/nature of the extension? Is it a simple one sentence extension as per the current extension or are additional issues added to the Accord? For example, some stakeholder are asking for more protection of water supplies through, (1) expansion of the geographic area upstream, (2) insulation from further ESA listings, (3) inclusion of the Trinity watershed, (4) no net loss from future CVPIA actions.
- When should the extension of the Accord be announced?

### **Detailed Discussion**

Attached is the issue paper that was provided in the July Policy Group Packet. The information regarding the scope/nature of the extension is still relevant.

### **Action**

Decision Item. The Policy Group is being asked to make a decision on the three issues described above.

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#### **CALFED Agencies**

**California**  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service